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Serial Number 09/816,148

PATENT APPLICATION
Navy Case 79597

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Original claims 36-53 are now cancelled without prejudice in view of filing a divisional application. Original claims 54-84 and 88 are now cancelled without prejudice in view of filing a continuation. As discussed with Examiner Benson on March 15, 2004, claims 85-87 are now redrafted so that claim 85 is in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim 54 so that as per the Examiner's Office action, these claims will now be allowable.

The applicant will refile the remaining claims in continuing applications as they have been cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass these claims to allowance.

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